PRESIDENT: I do not think he said that our industries did not decay even though the East India Company knew about it.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: He said that it did not adversely affect it.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI: I did not say that either.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: That was how I understood him.

I press my motion.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, apart from the advantages that the State may derive from the participation in this exhibition, I may explain that we have undertaken to participate in this exhibition long before the advent of this Council. I think it is not right to go back upon our word.

As regards our raw products, it is, no doubt, very good that we should manufacture and send our finished products. But it will take a long time, as explained by Dr. Kunjan Pillai, to do so. Till then, are we to keep our raw products? We are not getting sufficient value for our products, because we are not in a position to correspond direct with the proper markets and eliminate the middleman. The profit is all taken now by the middleman whom we will be able to eliminate by participation in this exhibition.

As regards ivory articles, Mr. Madhava Variar says that ivory articles cannot be made on a commercial basis. There is one gentleman in Srikantesvaram, who makes ivory articles.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: On a large scale?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Yes, on a large scale. He makes excellent articles and makes a very good profit. The manufactures are sent all over India, so that it cannot be said that ivory articles cannot be made on a commercial scale.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

The grant was made.

THE DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR: Sir, I beg to move that the Destruction of Records Amendment Bill be finally read and passed by the Council. It was considered by the Council at its last meeting; and I move that the same be now passed.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I second it.

The motion was agreed to by the Council.

THE TOLLS RECOVERY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR: Sir, I beg to move that the Tolls Recovery Regulation Amendment Bill, which was also considered by the Council at its last meeting, be finally read and passed.

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